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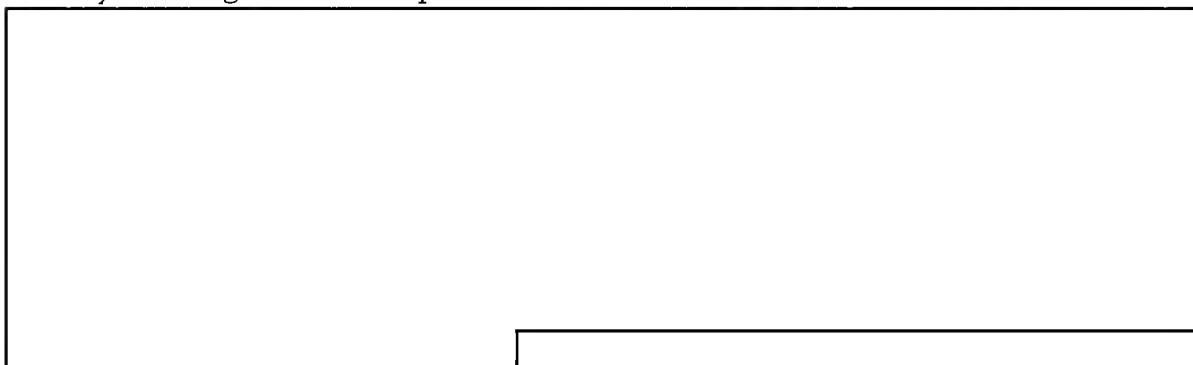
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. Pat Holt, Senate Foreign  
Relations Committee, Re Mr. Francis James McDonald

During the course of a meeting this morning with Mr. Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, I remarked that one of my colleagues had requested that I ask him what he knew about

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Mr. Holt said the hearing would begin at 10:00 a.m. and should be over by noon; that, per established procedures, a transcript would be made but the Agency would retain custody; and that staff attendance would be limited to himself, Dockery, and possibly Marcy and Kuhl. He assured us the staff would not stimulate any questions dealing with anything other than Brazil, but he could not guarantee what the Subcommittee members might do.

I also mentioned to Holt an individual known to him on whom we had acquired some derogatory information. See Memorandum for the Record.

25X1 2. [REDACTED] Mr. David Abshire's secretary called to say he was setting up a meeting with House Speaker Albert regarding RFE and RL for Wednesday morning and asked if Mr. Meyer and I would be available. I said we would and Mr. Abshire will let us know later of the time and place of the meeting.

25X1 3. [REDACTED] Harry Symmes, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, called regarding our respective responses to identical letters the Agency and the Department have received from Senator McGovern inquiring about opium traffic in Southeast Asia. I read Symmes our draft reply, which I said I hope we could convey orally but might put in writing if the Senator insisted. Symmes said he would let me know by tomorrow morning how State plans to respond.

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11. [REDACTED] Met with Mr. Arthur Kuhl, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and delivered to him a memo dated 21 April entitled "Strength of Egyptian Armed Forces" which was prepared in response to questions posed by Senator Gale McGee (D., Wyo.) during the Director's briefing of 23 March 1971. Mr. Kuhl said that Senator McGee will be advised that the memo was received and will be available in the Committee room for his review. After a reasonable period if the paper is not reviewed by Senator McGee, it will be returned to the Agency for inclusion in the transcript of the hearing.

Mr. Kuhl told me the Committee has scheduled hearings on Pakistan for Friday, 30 April, for which he will have the major staff responsibility and requested, if possible, a current situation briefing before that date. Various reports have been received by the Committee from nonofficial sources which have painted a confused picture particularly with regard to the killing that has taken place in East Pakistan. I told Mr. Kuhl I would relay his request.

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12. [REDACTED] Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and gave him a brief rundown on the current status of the Agency retirement investment plan. Mr. Slatinshek had only a hazy recollection of previous briefings on this subject but seemed reassured that we would not need legislation to implement the program.

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13. [REDACTED] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and briefed him on the current status of the Agency retirement investment program. Mr. Preston had no questions and seemed mildly impressed by the program. Mr. Preston passed on to me that the Chairman, by remarks relating to the meeting with Agency and State personnel about the Radios, has emphasized his strong determination against any further funding for the Radios in Defense legislation. He told me also that the Committee schedule for the coming month is extremely tight. The Committee is already getting behind supplemental and reprogramming legislation. Also, the Chairman has mentioned his desire for a meeting of the "special group;" unless something happens to force a change, there is little time available to schedule one. As an item of old business, Mr. Preston also noted that there will not be time in the next week or so for any review of files.

I briefed Mr. Preston on the India/Pakistan situation and the Salyut space mission.

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